

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

In Re: THE CATHOLIC BISHOP
OF SPOKANE, a/k/a THE
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
SPOKANE, a Washington
corporation, sole,

Debtor.

RONALD DANDER,

Appellant,

THE CATHOLIC BISHOP OF
SPOKANE a/k/a THE CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF SPOKANE, a
Washington corporation sole,

Appellee.

NO. CV-05-401-JLQ
Bankruptcy Case No. 004-08822

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
TO DISMISS APPEAL

Before the Court is Appellee The Catholic Bishop of Spokane's Motion to Dismiss the Appeal of Ronald Dander noted for hearing without oral argument on June 9, 2006. On April 22, 2006, the court entered an Order denying the Motion to Dismiss at that time and giving the Appellant the opportunity to file and serve his appeal brief with facts to support a claim against the Spokane Diocese debtor on or before June 30, 2006 and stated that if no such brief with facts to support his claim against the Spokane Diocese Debtor is served and filed on or before June 30, 2006, the court would dismiss his appeal on that date.

On June 13, 2006, the pro se Appellant, who is a resident of Massachusetts, and a handicapped prison inmate there, filed another handwritten brief rambling

1 on about a lawsuit he filed against the Diocese of Fall River MA against Sean
2 O'Malley, Bernard Law, John Paul and James R. Porter where he obtained a
3 default judgment against James R. Porter for failure to plead or otherwise defend.
4 His previous attempt to state a clam in the Bankruptcy Court for this District or in
5 this court did not include any claim against the Catholic Bishop of Spokane, the
6 Spokane Diocese or any Priest or employee thereof. In this court he attempted to
7 say that James R. Porter and SW-01 of the Spokane Diocese sexually abused him,
8 naming no Priest or Parish in Spokane. His current brief, like his former ones are
9 very difficult to read. At first this court thought he was alleging that James Porter
10 and a Joseph Knecht, an employee of the Spokane Diocese sexually abused him at
11 St. Mark of the Rosary Parish, Chewelatt (sic), Spokane, WA. However, giving
12 the Appellant every benefit of the doubt the court has determined he is alleging that
13 the abuse took place at St. Mary of the Rosary Parish, in Chewelah, WA.
14 However, he states no facts to support his claim. At best he states that he was
15 sexually abused at St. Mary of the Rosary Parish by James R. Porter and that SW-
16 01 aka Joseph Knecht was a witness to the abuse. He states no facts as to what he
17 was doing in Washington or how or why James R. Porter a former Priest in
18 Massachusetts, where Mr. Dander resides, happened to be in Washington.

19 Mr. Dander has a history of untimely filings, and failure to abide by court
20 rules. He now attempts to claim that James R. Porter of the Massachusetts Diocese
21 and a Joseph Knecht, an employee of the Spokane Diocese in concert sexually
22 molested him at St. Mary of the Rosary Parish, Chewelah, Spokane, WA.

23 There is no listing for a Joseph Knecht in the Spokane telephone book. Of
24 course it possible that Joseph Knecht has passed away or moved from Spokane.
25 This could be the same reason that James R. Porter did not answer his complaint in

1 Massachusetts. This court finds it very unlikely that anyone from the Spokane
2 Diocese ever had anything to do with James R. Porter in Massachusetts and it is
3 very clear that James R. Porter has never been associated in any way with any
4 Catholic Parish in the Spokane Diocese .

5 Mr. Dander claims that the lower court abused its discretion by ruling the he
6 did not have a right to discovery in regards to “John Doe Perpetrators such as
7 SW-01, aka Joseph Knecht, a former priest at St. Mary of the Rosary Parish.
8 However, Mr. Dander did not even attempt to name any Priest or Parish in the
9 Diocese as a Defendant in the Bankruptcy Court or this court until now. He now
10 attempts to identify SW-01 as an unknown Joseph Knecht with only the allegation
11 that Joseph Knecht witnessed the abuse by James R. Porter.

12 Therefore, this court finds that the Diocese’s Motion to Dismiss Mr.
13 Dander’s Appeal must be and is **Granted**.

14 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The Clerk is directed to enter this Order and
15 forward copies to Mr. Dander, counsel for the Bishop of Spokane, the Clerk of the
16 Bankruptcy Court of this district, and close this file.

17 **DATED** this 27th day of June, 2006.

18 s/ Justin L. Quackenbush
19 JUSTIN L. QUACKENBUSH
20 SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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